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## BRUTAL BURGLARS.

Mrs. Mary Kotcher Abused and Robbed.

GAVE UP ALL SHE HAD.

Living Alone at a Considerable Distance from Neighbors, the Aged Woman was Completely at the Mercy of the Ruffians.

Mrs. Mary Kotcher, who resides alone in the first house east of Grape street on the Richville road, is a widow, aged 60 years, and she earns her own living by raising garden truck. At 11:30 Thursday night Mrs. Kotcher was awakened by a loud noise. She ran out of her bedroom to learn the cause, and was confronted by three masked men, who had just entered after battering down the door on the east side of the house. This was the noise that Mrs. Kotcher heard. One of the ruffians struck Mrs. Kotcher a brutal blow in the mouth, loosening all her teeth, and knocking her down. Then they forced her back into her bedroom, tied her hands, and declared that unless she told them where she had her money hidden they would kill her. Mrs. Kotcher was bravely silent for a time, but when one of the men proposed torturing her into giving the desired information, she weakened and told them where she kept all the money she had, about twenty dollars. This secured, the robbers left.

A short time after their departure, Mrs. Kotcher succeeded in freeing her hands and then made her way to the nearest neighbor, a considerable distance from her own residence. About 9 o'clock Friday morning the police heard of the affair, and although it took place beyond the city limits, Officer McGuire was immediately dispatched to the scene to investigate. Mrs. Kotcher is seriously ill today, from the effects of the shock. What could have led anyone to believe that Mrs. Kotcher had a large sum of money in her house is a mystery, for she says she has not lately disposed of any property or had other transactions in which more than a few dollars were involved. The \$20 she intended to use in purchasing the usual winter necessities.

## ANOTHER BAD FIRE.

This Time the Terminal Restaurant Suffers.

The fire which did at least fifteen hundred dollars' damage at the Terminal restaurant, in East Main street, between 4:30 and 5 o'clock Friday morning, originated in the back part of the first floor in some unknown manner. J. D. Miller, proprietor of the restaurant, says that the furnace could not have caused the fire, and there were no lamps about the place. The only theory thus far advanced is that of Ray L. Markel, who thinks that rats gnawed at matches until they took fire. The fire did not burn through the floor of the room, but ran along the ceiling and sides. This floor consisted of the dining and lunch rooms. Everything in the two rooms was practically destroyed. They contained many tables and chairs, large and expensive fixtures and quantities of tableware.

Mr. Miller estimates his damage at between \$800 and \$1,000. His property is insured for \$1,000. The building is of frame, and belongs to the Beatty estate. Harry Beatty stated today that he could not estimate the amount of the damage. The Miller family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray L. Markel and the domestics have their apartments above the restaurant. Mrs. Norse, the cook, was the first to smell smoke. She alarmed the household, and an alarm was telephoned to the Central engine house. The second floor of the building was but slightly damaged by water thrown through the windows by the firemen. The damage to the building is confined almost entirely to the interior of the first story.

## RETAIL GROCERS.

They Affect a Permanent Organization Wednesday Afternoon.

The Massillon retail grocers met in the mayor's court room Wednesday afternoon and effected a permanent organization. Officers were elected as follows: President, W. B. Martin; vice president, F. C. Sibila; secretary, Richard Edwards; treasurer, W. A. Sonnhalter; board of directors, Jacob Graze, W. L. Bachtel, C. Warth, Wayne Matthews and Joseph Ehret. A constitution and by-laws will be adopted later. The object of the association is to provide for social intercommunication with grocers, and the betterment of their condition generally. W. B. Martin, Richard Edwards and William Sonnhalter were appointed as delegates to the convention of the national association of retail grocers in session in Cleveland, on January 16, 17 and 18, 1900. The local organization has not yet decided to affiliate itself with the national one, but will act on the report of these delegates.

## The Lutheran Bazar.

The ladies of the Lutheran church of West Brookfield held a bazar in Bassler's hall December 5 and 6, netting \$97.32. The ladies desire to thank all who assisted them in making it a success, and especially for the 312 names for the album quilt, presented to Mrs. Berry. They also thank Mr. Bassler for the use of his building.

## HE IS NOT DISCOURAGED.

A. Myers Still Confident There is Oil Near Richville.

Albert Myers, of 39 Guy street, who found oil while drilling for coal near Richville, and whose well, when shot, did not prove a paying producer, is by no means discouraged. He is confident that he is in an oil field, and he intends to keep at work until he makes a strike or finds that such a thing is not possible. The well that he has been forced to abandon was most promising until after it was shot. It is supposed that something went down below, preventing the oil from flowing properly.

## FELL TO HIS DEATH.

J. Whitmire Killed at a Massillon Mine.

HE SLIPPED FROM A CAR.

Employed as a Top Hand at the North Massillon, He was Letting Down a Car to the Chutes When the Horrible Accident Occurred.

John Whitmire was instantly killed at the North Massillon mine, operated by the Ridgway Burton Coal Company, of this city, at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning. Whitmire, who was employed as a top hand, was letting down to the coal chutes an empty car from the railway switch, when in some manner he lost his hold on the brake-wheel and fell under the car. The wheels passed over his neck, almost severing the head from the body. He was 21 years old, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitmire, of Canton, formerly of Canal Fulton. At the time of his death the young man made his home with Isaac Oberlin, a farmer, near Crystal Spring. He was unmarried.

The coroner will hold the inquest this afternoon. The parents of the unfortunate young man have been notified of the horrible accident. The funeral will probably take place at Canal Fulton, where Whitmire had spent nearly his entire life.

## NAVARRE CURFEW RINGS.

Violators to be Fined From Ten to Fifty Cents Each.

NAVARRE, Dec. 7.—The curfew agitation in Stark county, which had its beginning in Massillon and which has since reached all the roundabout towns, is in Navarre at last. E. E. Sluss, superintendent of the public schools, took the first step. He found out that twenty-one years ago the council passed a curfew ordinance. He told the board that if the ordinance were enforced, conditions in the schools would improve. The board met the council, and the council agreed to instruct Mayor Obenour to put the ordinance into effect. The ordinance says that children under sixteen years of age shall not be allowed to play about the streets after 8 o'clock in summer and 7 o'clock in winter. The minimum fine is ten cents and the maximum is fifty cents and costs.

There is an effort on foot to have the age limit changed from sixteen to eighteen years, thus taking in a certain element that has become a great annoyance to the village. Relations between Mayor Obenour and Messrs. Welsh and Rhine, of the school board, both ex-mayors, have become somewhat strained. Mr. Obenour says that though they made no effort to enforce this ordinance when they were in authority, they are earnest enough in demanding its enforcement now that the responsibility and the ill-feeling of all voters whose children stay out late are to fall upon another. But the mayor declares that he will do his duty: the village, he avers, shall have curfew in plenty. He has asked for an assistant for Marshal Keplinger, and wholesale arrests are in prospect. The bell on the town hall was rung last night at 7 o'clock, and it will hereafter be rung regularly at that hour unless the village fathers decide that their predecessors, when they passed the ordinance, did not mean standard time, in which event the curfew will peal forth at 6:30 o'clock instead.

## FULTON'S CURFEW ORDINANCE.

CANAL FULTON, Dec. 7.—Twenty-five years ago Fulton's council passed a curfew ordinance. It was resurrected when the Massillon agitation of the matter was commenced, and was enforced during the latter part of last summer. Sick people residing in the vicinity of the hall on which the bell was located objected to its ringing, so Mayor McCadden some time ago ordered that the curfew be no longer rung. Now the sick are well, and the people are clamoring again for the curfew. Mayor McCadden says it is a good thing. The ringing is to be resumed.

The East Ohio Gas Company will after January 1, 1900, charge cost prices for all material, but will continue until that time at the cost prices established in 1898, which is the present prices. Every one is aware of the large increase in prices of all iron goods during the past year. Applications filed at the office prior to January 1 will receive our prompt attention at the old prices. Streets not all ready piped, if sufficient applicants come in to justify the piping, will be piped early in the spring, and all applications made will be entitled to same rate for material and fitting as though street was all ready piped.

E. SROXOG, General Manager. Massillon, O., Dec. 4, 1899.

## FREIGHT QUESTION.

Board of Trade Asks a Freer Interchange.

AN INVENTOR'S LETTER.

T. R. Briggs Says he has a new Bicycle Tire he Would Like to Manufacture in Massillon—The Plans of Heiman Brothers.

Board of trade members who attended the Thursday evening meeting in the mayor's court room were President Ricks, Secretary Jones, L. A. Koons, John Silk, D. Hemperly, J. K. Russell, J. W. Foltz, David Reed and F. R. Shepley.

A communication from the National Municipal League, which is in existence to promote the study of municipal questions, was read and laid upon the table. It embodied a request that the board unite with it and an invitation to send a representative to its convention.

Thomas R. Briggs, of Akron, the inventor of a new kind of bicycle tire, in a letter the secretary read, announced that he is seeking a location and would like an offer from Massillon. Mr. Briggs stated that his invention is a spring metal arrangement, and that while it retains all the good qualities of the pneumatic tire, it cannot be punctured, its most invulnerable points being the old kind's weakest. The matter was turned over to the committee on new enterprises.

The interchange of freight question was discussed briefly. Communications from the three railway companies whose lines pass through Massillon were read. They were replies to letters on this subject recently sent out by the board, in which was set forth the great inconvenience Massillon manufacturers having but one switch to their works suffer because there is not a freer interchange of freight over the various lines. The Pennsylvania Company did not seem to feel that matters could be improved much, but the other two companies announced that they were disposed to do all in their power to bring about more satisfactory conditions.

Heiman Brothers, the West street manufacturers of miners' tools, who are now contemplating the enlargement of their works, have applied to the board for support, referring to the benefits the city will reap should their proposed plan come into effect. The committee having the matter in hand was not ready to report.

## NEWS FROM CANTON.

A Destructive Fire in the Heart of the City This Morning.

CANTON, Dec. 7.—Fire was discovered in the bakery and confectionery store of Miller Brothers, in East Tuscarawas street, just east of the square, at 5 o'clock this morning. The storeroom, fixtures and stock was entirely destroyed, with a loss of about \$4,000. The second and third stories in the rear of the building, which is owned by Samuel Willis, were badly burned, although the damage cannot be estimated. The stock of the Globe Clothing Company in an adjoining room is much the worse for smoke. The immense plate windows of the Miller Company's large furnishing house were cracked by heat.

Burglars were undoubtedly responsible for the fire. After the fire had been extinguished this morning the safe in Miller Brothers' room was found cracked open and its contents to the amount of about \$100 missing. Whether the flames originated from the explosion necessary to force the safe, or whether the match was deliberately applied, after the burglars had accomplished their purpose, as in the Bower case, is a matter of conjecture. Canton police are hard at work endeavoring to discover the perpetrators. It was thought that the gang that has been terrorizing the city lately had been broken up by the recent arrest of several desperate characters, but the opinion seems to have been disproved.

In the estate of John G. Warwick, of Massillon, petition of trustee for sale of land has been dismissed.

Martha Lewis Found Guilty of Cutting with Intent to Kill.

CANTON, Dec. 8.—In the case of Ohio vs. Martha Lewis, charged with cutting with intent to kill, the jury returned a verdict of guilty after an hour and a half deliberation, Thursday. Sentence will be imposed Monday. The prisoner will also be tried on another count, that of robbery.

Odellia Spangler has petitioned for a divorce from Louis E. Spangler. Drunkenness and willful absence are the allegations.

Inventory and appraisal have been filed in the estate of Elizabeth James, of Massillon.

## REMOVED TO CANTON.

Body of John Whitmire Now at the Parents' Home.

The body of John Whitmire, the young man who was killed at the North Massillon mine on Friday, has been removed to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitmire, in Canton. The funeral will take place on Sunday. Coroner Schaeffer did not go to the mine himself, but deputized the undertaker sent for the body to attend to the usual formalities.

## BROKE IN AND SLEPT.

Tramps Spend Friday Night in Riverside Schoolhouse.

A gang of tramps was seen in the neighborhood of the Riverside schoolhouse, one mile north of the city, about dusk Friday evening. Saturday morning the directors were notified that the lock on the schoolhouse door was broken, that the floor was stained with tobacco juice and that considerable coal and wood had been burned during the night. The officers are now looking for that gang of tramps. Nothing was stolen from the schoolhouse.

## IS REALLY DEAD.

Military Band Beyond Resuscitation.

A NEW BAND IS BORN.

Young Men of Lombardi Were Not Jest When They Talked Music, But Now Have Instruments and an Instructor—The Fulton Band.

The fact that the board of trade did not mention the military band at its recent meeting has caused friends of the erstwhile organization to give up all hope of its ever returning to existence. The council declared that the support of the band was a matter for the board of trade to look after, but neither the band nor the board has been able to see it in that light. The band members claim that if the board were to begin soliciting it would be among the business men, the same people who gave before, and that this would not be fair. F. P. Eisenbrei, who was manager of the band, stated that when the council went against it the band began to die and that now it is really dead.

The young men in the northern part of the city who have organized a band, with Prof. Birt as instructor, will probably take their first lesson on Sunday. The name of this new organization has not been decided upon. Its members are full of ambition, and among them are a number of excellent musicians.

## THE FULTON BAND.

CANAL FULTON, Dec. 9.—The Imperial band, of this place, is playing an engagement in Akron today. Though this is its first year, the band has made wonderful progress. It gave a benefit the other night, and a good authority says that the receipts were nearly double the amount taken in at any concert given by the Massillon military band. Nobody here says that the Imperial is as good or will ever be as good a band as the military, but the people of this small village certainly seem more interested in their home institution than the Massillon people are.

## GAME WARDEN'S REPORT.

Fifteen Offenders Pay Exactly \$752 in Fines.

The report of Deputy Game Warden Dangelesen for the past year shows that during that time he arrested fifteen persons for violations of the game laws, and that their fines aggregated \$752. Howard Heintzelman, Charles Ford, E. L. Zeltner, Charles Dickerhoff, George Winkhart and Charles Johnson paid \$100 each for dynamiting the river; Joseph Zupp, Erwin Young, George Yarger, Jacob Fogle and Z. Grant were fined from \$5 to \$15 each for hunting on the land of another; William Jones, William Wright, Eugene Vernon and Patrick McInden were fined \$25 each for shooting quails out of season. The fines collected constitute Mr. Dangelesen's salary. Nearly all of these cases were tried before Justice Sibila.

## OBITUARY NOTICES.

### GEORGE JEFFRIES.

George Jeffries, aged 36 years, a state hospital patient, died yesterday, of paresis. He leaves a wife and family. The body was taken to Salem for burial.

### MRS. TACHER.

CANAL FULTON, Dec. 7.—Mrs. Tacher, aged 90 years, probably the oldest woman of this vicinity, is dead. Funeral services were held in the Catholic church today. Mrs. Tacher had been helpless for two years with the infirmities of old age. She lived with her daughter.

### DEATH OF A CHILD.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fashbaugh, jr., of Crystal Spring, died early Thursday morning.

### CATHARINE MASE.

Mrs. Catharine Mase, widow of Samuel Mase, died of paralysis at her home, west of Bolivar, Sunday evening, December 3. Mrs. Mase was 62 years of age, and is survived by a son, Simon Mase, and daughter, Mrs. Bair, both of whom reside near Bolivar. She was a sister of Mrs. David Dinius, of this city. The funeral took place Wednesday morning.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyre, Mich., says, "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia: lost flesh and became very weak. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

Itching piles? Never mind if physicians have failed to cure you. Try Doan's Ointment. No failure there. 50 cents at any drug store.

## THE ASYLUM NEWS.

Cold Weather Won't Delay Builders.

GAS UNDER THE BOILERS.

Connections Were Made on Wednesday—Dr. Clark's New Position—Plans of Dr. Rogers—W. E. Hansen Appointed Chief Cook.

The cold weather finds all construction work at the state hospital in such condition that no delay will be occasioned. Cottages C, D and E are under roof, and can be heated, so that the mechanics can work all winter if necessary.

Natural gas was burned under one of the engine house boilers for the first time on Wednesday. The other three boilers are still heated by coal. If the experiment with gas proves successful, it is likely that the use of coal will be dispensed with entirely. Last year it cost the state an immense sum to cart the coal from this city to the institution. Five or six teams were kept busy all the time, for during the worst of the winter, when the roads were all but impassable, most of them could make but two trips a day. If a switch from one or other of the railways to the asylum had been constructed, it is probable that gas would never have been thought of as fuel.

Dr. Rogers will leave the institution on Monday. The remainder of the month he will spend with Mrs. Rogers at Newton Falls, and in the first week in January they will take up their residence in Warren, where the doctor will open an office. Dr. Harry B. Findley, of Mansfield, who is to succeed Dr. Rogers, will arrive at the institution on Sunday.

Dr. Charles Clark, who has received an appointment from Dr. Richardson, now superintendent of the national insane asylum, at Washington, should be in Washington on December 15, but it does not seem likely that he will be able to leave the local institution at that time. Dr. Clark is to be one of the senior physicians of the Washington hospital. It will be necessary for him to pass a civil service examination, for which he will be given three months to prepare, though at the same time expected to attend to his duties. At the expiration of these three months, the salary will be raised from \$1,200 to \$1,800 a year. Many others will doubtless take the examination for appointment to this position, but Dr. Clark's well known ability and long experience give him a great advantage.

William E. Hansen, formerly of the Cleveland state hospital, has been appointed cook at the hospital to succeed James McIsaac, of Massillon, who recently resigned. Albert Miller, the cook's first assistant, has also left. Mr. Hansen, during recent years, has been employed in one of the Montana asylums.

Miss McCarthy, of the force of nurses, has tendered her resignation, to take effect December 15. She will go to Wooster to attend a brother who is seriously ill. Her home is in Logan.

## THE PLANS CHANGED.

New Line to Touch Lawrence and Greenville.

J. Garver, who, with A. E. Townsend, of Doylestown, is interested in the construction of an electric line between Massillon and Barborton, this morning passed through Massillon on his way to Canal Dover, having last night appeared before the Canal Fulton council to petition for a franchise for his company to run their line through that village. Mr. Garver stated that the route for the line had been changed. From Fulton it will be run to North Lawrence, thence to East Greenville, touching West Brookfield on the way to Massillon. It is not known when Messrs. Townsend and Garver will appear before the Massillon council. They say they mean business, however, and will agree to forfeit their franchises if the road is not completed before 1903.

## FROM NEARBY TOWNS.

THE REV. A. E. BAILEY'S SUCCESSOR.  
CANAL FULTON, Dec. 9.—The Rev. E. R. Winard, formerly pastor the First Reformed church, of Akron, has moved to Canal Fulton with his family, and will preach in the local Reformed church on Sunday. Mr. Winard was recently appointed the successor of the Rev. A. E. Bailey, who was called from his charge here to become the financial agent of the Heidelberg Theological Seminary, at Tullia.

WEST BROOKFIELD NEWS.  
WEST BROOKFIELD, Dec. 8.—The miners are working every day at present. Edward Lovers spent Sunday in Akron. W. H. Rojhann spent a few days at Crystal Spring last week.  
Mrs. Annie Weaver, of Chicago, is visiting at the home of George Lehman at this place.  
The fair held in Bessler's hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings by the ladies of the Lutheran church was a success.

Croup instantly relieved. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. Perfectly safe. Never fails. At any drug store.

## MR. OWENS SHOT.

Then the Man at the Door Hurriedly Departed.

Byron Owens, who resides at the corner of West and Oak streets, heard a noise attempting to pick the lock of the back door of his residence. He went to a window, fired a shot from a revolver and the man fled. The latter's precipitance, however, was proof that he had not been hit.

## THE FIRE LIMITS.

Petition Signed Freely by East Siders.

THE BEST PROTECTION.

Business Men Say that Buildings of Brick and Stone, with No Wooden Additions, are Good Flame-fighters—The Fire Committee's Plan.

Policeman McGuire, who, under the direction of Mayor West, is circulating the petition for the establishment of fire limits in Massillon, has procured the required number of signatures of East Side property holders, and is now ready to begin work west of the canal. This proposed fire district includes the street from Wetmore to North street, Main street from Hill to the Pennsylvania railway, portions of Mill, Charles and other streets in the business part of the city. This petition, when the signatures of persons who own two-thirds of the property in the suggested district have been obtained, will be presented to the council, which will thereupon pass an ordinance prohibiting the erection of frame buildings within the limits prescribed. The movement has the endorsement of the board of trade, and it seems to meet with the approval of all business men. The ordinance will not to wise affect structures already erected. The disastrous Bee Hive fire has convinced business men that the best protection is to have buildings of stone or brick with no frame additions.

## FIRE COMMITTEE AT WORK.

C. A. Kouth, chairman of the council's fire committee, says that it is likely the committee will soon recommend the institution of paid fire departments in Kendall and on the West Side. "Of course," said Mr. Kouth today, "all the details of the plans have not been decided upon, but it is probable that the recommendation will be for three men at each place. We will give them horses, hose and reels, and then the town will have good protection. There is lots of talk of raising insurance rates in Massillon, and all over the state the city is getting to be known as one of many fires. This is not the way it used to be, and it's not the way it ought to be. With this proposed additional protection, however, I think insurance rates will become lower instead of higher, and we'll all have that security that can never be ours under the present system. With two fires at the same time and only one department, what would be done? One or the other of the fires would have to be left to itself."

## IN MEMORY OF JOHN W. RYDER.

Resolutions Adopted by the Employees' Mutual Benefit Association.

At the December meeting of the board of directors of Russell & Co.'s Employees' Mutual Benefit Association the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The decease of a member of this board, as well as a long-time friend and associate, the late John W. Ryder, is the sounding once again of the song of nature that man is but man, therefore be it:

Resolved, That it is a source of deep satisfaction to know that during the years he moved among us and ere he had become a memory, he was made to feel the warmth of that friendly mutual concern for the feelings and welfare of others which marks all warm-hearted, generous and manly men.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family of the deceased, and in tribute to his memory bid them find consolation in the truth that after a lifetime of unyielding integrity, loyalty to duty and devotion to family and friend, each life's story is a legacy of priceless value to those who were near and dear, and the fulfillment of the work allotted by the Creator of the universe.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the board and a copy presented to the family of the deceased and to each of the newspapers of the city.

Committee. WM. A. HOWARTH.  
C. O. MENWYN.  
J. H. WILLIAMS.

## Given Up by Four Doctors.

Beaver Dam, O.  
My daughter, after being treated by four doctors and being given up for lost, a neighbor recommended Foley's Kidney Cure. Today she is able to walk several miles without fatigue. I feel we would have lost her if it was not for my medicine. Respectfully, Mrs. J. M. Bailey, Rider & Snyder.

Mrs. R. Churcutt, Barren, Va., says, "Our baby was covered with running sores. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured her." A specific for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

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Senator Hoar missed an important point in the President's message. When the sentence was read declaring that "insidious suggestions from various quarters perverted the purposes and intentions with which he (Aguinaldo) had taken up arms," Mr. Hoar was in the cloak room.

The question of issuing a proclamation of neutrality in the war between Great Britain and South African republic is under consideration by the state department. Up to the time of the recent announcement by the British government that a state of war existed, a declaration of neutrality was not deemed advisable, and even now it is not likely that this government will take action until other nations issue the initiative. No foreign government has issued a neutrality proclamation. The principal purpose of the United States in proclaiming neutrality would be to warn people in this country who are supposed to be recruiting for the Boer army of their obligations to commit no unfriendly act against a nation with which the United States is at peace. This government is opposed to making formal declarations of neutrality in wars between nations on good terms with it, and does so only to serve such purposes as that suggested.

## "NO PROSPERITY."

"There is no prosperity," says Eugene V. Debs in his regular hundred dollar address. The force of this assertion is well illustrated in the following notices showing how New England workmen are being affected by prevailing conditions: At Biddeford, Me., the 3,400 employees of the Pepperell and Lacombe cotton mills were notified Thursday that their wages will be advanced 10 per cent. on December 18. An advance will go into effect in the York mills in Saco, on next Monday. At Waterville, Me., notices were posted in the Lockwood mill Thursday announcing the restoration of the old wage scale, which was reduced 15 per cent. on December 1, 1898. The mill employs 500 persons.

The Hookset Manufacturing Company, of Hookset, N. H., will advance wages 10 per cent. on December 18. At Manchester, N. H., the Amoskeag concern, the largest cotton manufacturing company in the country, will advance the wages of its 8,000 operatives on December 18, 10 per cent. A similar advance will be made in the mills of the Armory and Stark companies on the same date.

In Sucook, N. H., the mills of the China, Webster and Pembroke companies have raised wages 10 per cent. At Lawrence, Mass., the Atlantic, Pacific, Arlington, Pemberton and Everett mills Thursday announced an advance to take effect on December 18 except in the Pemberton, where the advance will not be made until January 1. This affects over 12,000 hands. Similar increases were announced at Methuen, Taunton and Pawtucket.

## EXPANSION AND PROSPERITY.

To the Editor of THE INDEPENDENT:

I have been much struck by some recent observations of the Hon. John A. Kasson on the above subject, which I believe you should reproduce. Eliminate expansion from American character and you take away its dominant note. Why Massillon itself is the outgrowth of the expansion tendency. Look over the old families of Massillon, and you will discover that every one goes back to some hardy pioneer who broke away from the severer conditions of life and contention in the East, settled here about, and made more or less money when the country was young and land was cheap. A later generation found opportunities in the territories west of the Mississippi. Now all that land is occupied, and the rising generation, cut off from prospects that fire the imagination at home, has nowhere to turn unless it be to our new possessions, Alaska or some foreign land. Shall we deny to our boys the chance to settle and develop new lands, which since the beginning of our nation's history, has been the birth-

right of every true American, or must we listen to the wail of distress of the Schurtz's, who were themselves expansionists, and who left the "old country" to secure greater opportunity in America? I trust not. As an old man and an old citizen I want to see our flag reach out over new dominions wherever it can do so with honor, and I believe that such is the sentiment of the most of those of us who have known what it is to clear and plant in virgin soil.

## OLD CITIZEN.

The address to which the above writer refers is as follows:

Within the past two years our country has sprung from a condition of apathy and discouragement to one of abounding hope and prosperity. Never before have our people acquired so clear a perception of the providential law of national evolution. It was a saying of Bismarck that a nation which has ceased to grow has begun to decline. Our expansion began with the century in the acquisition of Louisiana. This was followed by the purchase of Florida. Then we expanded over a vast region of undeveloped territory originally belonging to Spain and occupied by aliens and savage tribes, and so we reached the rarely visited coast of California. This again was followed by the acquisition of the vast territory of Alaska, extending our jurisdiction to the Arctic ocean on the north.

All these expansions were met at the time with querulous opposition. But who now regrets them? Who would now surrender them?

Long before the Spanish war the United States had taken peaceful possession of fifty seven islands in the Pacific Ocean—mostly in the Southern Pacific—extending to a distance of nearly four thousand miles from San Francisco toward the Philippines. We hold them still. In 1867 we also acquired the great chain of Aleutian islands in the North Pacific, which extended our possessions and jurisdiction within the radius of Asiatic interests, reaching 18 degrees farther into Asiatic longitudes than the Siberian Pacific frontier. Next, upon the second invitation, we expanded to take Hawaiian islands in, because we began to see their enormous importance to us in the probable future development of commerce on the great ocean whose central feature they appeared to be.

Up to the time of the Spanish war no party had been bold enough to thrust its organization against the operation of our national law of growth and development. But now, at this stage of our history, the unforeseen happened. Providence—I say it reverently—took us by the shoulders and with humane purpose thrust us into a war with Spain. To our astonishment Porto Rico stretched forth her arms to us; and our expanding line, already including thirteen small islands in the Caribbean Sea, curved around that lovely island, which is to share henceforth our civilization, our liberty and our prosperity.

If any event of human history reveals the impress of God's moulding finger, it is the incident of the Philippines, which led up to their acquisition by treaty, and the expansion of our jurisdiction over them.

This last expansion, gentlemen, I do not hesitate to affirm it, promises a greater immediate advantage to our country than any other which has preceded it. The coming outburst of Philippine prosperity will also give a fresh impulse to the activities of our Pacific coast, which with the coming Isthmian canal will be equally extended to the Atlantic.

While our critical theorists at home are opposing the acquisition already constitutionally ratified, the ever practical Americans are taking possession.

The French consul at Manila recently sent to his government a dispatch containing a long list of enterprises which Americans are establishing in the archipelago, and warns the French people that they must be up and doing unless they want to be left far in the rear.

It is officially reported from Manila that over a hundred men from a single returning Tennessee regiment declined to come home. They remain to seek their fortunes in the islands. The Americans are there, gentleman, and are there to stay.

The anti-expansionist theorists say that in acquiring and administering the Philippines without their consent we are violating the principles of the Declaration of Independence. If we are, then Jefferson, who wrote it, and Madison and Monroe and Quincy Adams who are supposed to have understood it at least as well as these anti-leaguers, also violated it. For Jefferson, Madison and Monroe were all combined in making the treaty with France by which we acquired and administered Louisiana, without the consent of its inhabitants, and Monroe and Adams repeated it in the case of Florida.

I am not speaking of expansion by force over civilized and self-governing peoples, who already recognize and obey the common laws of nations. But so long as we follow the lines of destiny marked out, as they are now, by the finger of Almighty Providence, this great liberty-loving republic need not hesitate

to take her own part in this grand civilizing march of the nations against ignorance, despotism and savagery.

We are then fully justified in saying that this last expansion is in line of our rational and Providential destiny—for the Philippines, as well as for our republic; and that it means development and prosperity for both countries. In a word, we were forced to fight for them. We won them. We paid for them. Our title is recorded in the international records of the world. We own them with all the sanctions of the common law of nations, and in conformity with our own national precedents. There is no constant save one insurgent and semi-barbarian tribe which never itself was sovereign. We are only fighting them for peace, and for the opportunity to give to them, with all the others, justice, knowledge, good order and prosperity.

## TOO SURPRISED TO RESIST.

Henry Dulabahn Tells how He Helped to Capture Filipinos.

Mrs. Lydia Dulabahn, of 38 William street, last week received a letter from her son, Henry K. Dulabahn, who is helping to put down the insurrection in the Philippines. The young soldier gives a graphic account of the taking of a Filipino fort. "We had another big battle on the 18th, 19th and 20th (October), he says. "We left camp on the 17th and marched over the mountains until we got within ten miles of the first fort. We camped all night and commenced firing at daybreak. We kept closing up until about 11 o'clock, when we started them ageing and took the fort in a few moments. There were only two companies.

"Then we ate dinner" continues the letter, "and started for the next fort. This was on a high ridge and the insurgents got up by ladders, afterward pulling them up after them. We closed up on three sides until we got to the rocks where we slung our rifles on our backs, and crawled up like monkeys. Our company was the only one that reached the top. The natives were so surprised that they just stood there and looked until it was too late for them to save themselves. Some of them jumped over the cliffs. We took 150 prisoners." Further on Mr. Dulabahn says. "The natives are very friendly. They think there is nobody like the soldiers and they will do anything for us. One of the girls did my washing for awhile and would not take a cent for it." He speaks of the delightfulness of the climate, the purity and coolness of the drinking water and the excellence of the food furnished the soldiers. "The only bad thing here," he says, "are the ants and the mosquitoes. They worry the life out of you."

J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill., says, "Surgeons wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve." It is infallible for piles and skin diseases. Beware of counterfeits. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

What a Well Known Railroad Man and President of Lima Thinks of Foley's Kidney Cure.

I have been troubled a great deal with the backache. I was induced to try Foley's Kidney Cure, and one bottle entirely relieved me. I gladly recommend it to anyone especially my friends among the train men, who are very generally similarly afflicted. Geo. H. Hausan, Engineer on L. E. & W. R. R. Rider & Snyder.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers purify the blood, clean the liver, invigorate the system. Famous little pills for constipation and liver troubles. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know it.

## How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours, a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also

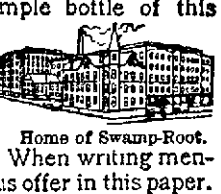


convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

## What to Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes.

You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention reading this generous offer in this paper.



## THE JUNGLE BEAST.

Its Life is the Working-man's.

## SO REMARKED MR. DEBS.

He Tells His Massillon Audience That New and Beautiful Conditions Will Soon Prevail, but He Does not Say How They are to be Attained.

Eugene V. Debs, though he covered much ground in his lecture of two hours on "Looking Forward," at Bucher's opera house Saturday evening, nevertheless left his large audience considerably dissatisfied. He said that the people of the country are like beasts in a jungle; each seeking the other to destroy, the only difference being in the methods employed. He also said that some classes of workmen, particularly miners, are industrial convicts serving life sentences, and that the condition of the journeyman and the toiler in general is worse today than was that of the chattel slave of fifty years ago, for the latter was regarded by his owner as a piece of property more valuable than any of the other live stock, and it was to his interest to see that he was housed, well fed and warmly clothed, necessities now denied the man who must offer his brawn for an average wage of less than one dollar a day. But, announced Mr. Debs, this will not long continue. The labor-saving machine has done much to reduce workmen to their present straits, and the machine, now the property of the few, will at the beginning of the new century become the property of all the people, where its ownership properly belongs. Then the speaker went into the beautiful dream of the Socialist and described in detail the things he saw. All industries controlled by the government exclusively, men working but a few hours a day, everybody riding on the railways for a trifle more than nothing, telegrams being sent at the same rate as letters, no poor, no rich, no unhappiness—these were some of them. Everything that is important in the land would be owned and its benefits enjoyed by the whole people. All this, said Mr. Debs, but he did not say how it is to be brought about. That is why his audience was dissatisfied. There was much speculation on this point. Some declared that Debs is a revolutionist; others, that he expects to realize his Utopian ideas through legislation and without the shedding of blood. Mr. Debs, however, was absolutely certain that these beautiful conditions must shortly come to be, and when he said so the audience loudly applauded.

Mr. Debs declared that there is no prosperity in the country. In a very short time, he said, the old cry of over production will be heard and then will come a shutting down of factories and months of wretchedness and starvation for the families of the unemployed. There are more strikes in progress at the present time, he stated, than ever before in the history of the country. He enumerated these movements, giving the number of men concerned, and the total was not half the number of Ohio miners. In foreign countries, said Mr. Debs, the Socialists are making greater progress than in America. William, in his opinion, is the last king Germany will ever have. Mr. Debs closed with a last word concerning the savagery of the people and a quotation from Robert Burns.

Mr. Debs is very tall, and in his hairless, sloping head and general ungainliness there is something suggestive of Bill Nye. He could hardly be called an orator, though when he warmed to his subject in the latter part of the address, his earnestness was eloquent. The first half of the speech he delivered in a singsong monotone, and with the hurry of a man who has an unpleasant task that he wants to finish as soon as possible. In some of his spurts, he was almost too fast to be followed. Mr. Debs came to Massillon upon the invitation of the Trades and Labor Assembly, which organization bore all the expenses of the meeting. After the meeting Mr. Debs gave a reception of fifteen minutes. Many railway men from this and surrounding cities, some of whom were members of the American Railway Union, when Debs was at its head, heard the speech. Mr. Debs left Sunday for Springfield.

Mr. J. Sheer, Sedalia, Mo., saved his child's life by One Minute Cough Cure. Doctors had given her up to die with croup. It's an infallible cure for coughs, colds, grippe, pneumonia, bronchitis and throat and lung troubles. Relieves at once. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

Every family should have its household medicine chest—and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Nature's remedy for coughs and colds.

## NO REST FOR AGUINALDO.

General Young Keeps the Insurgents on the Move.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—[By Associated Press]—A cablegram received by the war department says that General Young has had an engagement with Aguinaldo's guard near Cervantes, the fight lasting for four hours. The insurgents lost heavily, our loss being but one killed and six wounded. Cervantes is fifty miles south of Vigan. The natives welcome the arrival of the Americans, and gladly assist in clearing trails and carrying subsistence. General Young has pushed on to San Jose, south of Bangued.

## ORE SHIPMENTS.

Two Hundred Ship Loads for Philadelphia Alone.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—[By Associated Press]—It is estimated that over two hundred ships will be required to bring the cargoes of iron and copper that are consigned to this port for the coming year. Purchases of two hundred thousand tons have been made in Spain and other Mediterranean countries for shipment to Philadelphia, besides what has been contracted for from mines in Cuba.

## HIGHER WAGES.

Southern Manufacturers Grant Ten Per Cent. Increase.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—[By Associated Press]—New England cotton manufacturers are greatly pleased that Augusta, Ga., operators are to raise the wages of employees ten per cent., and hope that this will be followed by other Southern manufacturers. By January 1st there will be one hundred and forty thousand or more cotton mill operatives working on increased wages.

## WONDERFUL RESULTS.

People Tell What Has Been Done for Them.

The Testimony of Well-known Citizens Ought Surely to Convince You.

If we publish the recommendation of some person in Ohio who has used Morrow's Kidney-cure for backache and kidney disorders and has been cured you have no reason to doubt. We give you the names of people living right here in this state so you can consult them. We make no false statements nor claims for Kidney-cure, but give you the evidence of people whom you know. If Kidney-cure did not do as we claim they do, people would not give their testimony.

Mrs. M. J. Suydam, 33 N. Linwood street, Norwalk, O., says: "I have suffered with rheumatism and kidney trouble for some time, also nervousness and severe backache. I was advised to try Morrow's Kidney-cure and in a very short time after I began to take them I was greatly relieved."

Morrow's Kidney-cure are no pills but yellow tablets and sell at fifty cents a box at all drug stores and at F. E. Seaman's drug store.

Mailed on receipt of price. Manufactured by John Morrow & Co., Chemists, Springfield, O.

Fancy embroidered night shirts—50, 75 and \$1.00 at Doll's hat store.

## NO GUESS WORK HERE.

All Massillon People Have to do is to Follow the Example of Fellow Citizens.

Facts are stubborn. Some may be disputed. None can be disproved. A fact is the opposite of fiction: Is always hedged about with proof. Has to stand the test of investigation. Or, it drifts to the realm of doubt. Investigate closely the following. The closer the scrutiny the more convincing the result.

A Massillon citizen speaks here. Speaks from experience and conviction.

Relates facts, stubborn facts, That may be disputed but cannot be disproved.

Mr. John Haag, blacksmith of 24 E. Charles St., says: "I was bothered for some months with a bad back, it aching a good part of the time, dull and steady. It extended up into the shoulder blade and compelled me to tire or give out before the day's work was done. Slight colds, shoeing a horse, stooping at any other work affected it and it became so irksome that I often felt like giving up work on about every job I took. Well, I repaired the trouble by taking Doan's Kidney Pills. I heard of them and went to the nearest drug store and got a box. It was only a short time before they commenced taking effect and they cured me in a few days afterward. I have not felt anything of it since and I believe they made a sure job of it. This is why I advise people that have their kidneys out of order to give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial. They will repair the damage." Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doan's, and take no substitute.

## Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take in place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee, but is free from all injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant, but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 4¢ as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

Men's low cut rubbers 18c a pair. D. T. FRANK & Co.

## Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

It artificially digests the food and aids Nature in strengthening and reconstructing the exhausted digestive organs. It is the latest discovered digestant and tonic. No other preparation can approach it in efficiency. It instantly relieves and permanently cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Heartburn, Flatulence, Sour Stomach, Nausea, Sick Headache, Gastralgia, Cramps, and all other results of imperfect digestion. Prepared by E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago.

Chas. W. Cupples, 139, W. Tremont Street. Rider & Snyder, 12 East Main Street.

## Notice of Appointment.

The undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Cleveland O. Snyder, late of Stark county, O., deceased. Dated the 20th day of November, 1899. JACOB A. POOREMAN, Administrator

## HUMBERGERS' HOLIDAY OPENING, Friday, Dec. 8.

The entire north room on second floor devoted to this department.

## The Assortment Complete, Toys, Games, Books, Fancy China, in fact, Everything

That makes Christmas buying a pleasure, will be found here. Come in the morning, if possible; if not, come in the afternoon with the crowds.....

## HUMBERGERS.

Dry Goods, Warwick Block, Massillon.

**CRONE'S FIRE SALE OF DRY GOODS!** The center of attraction; larger crowds than Massillon has ever seen before attend, and the Lowest Prices ever heard of prevail. It is no wonder we are daily jammed to the doors. Come in the morning, if possible, especially Lace Curtain customers. Children's and Ladies' Jackets 75c and up. Silks for Waists 25c and up. Dress Goods 5c per yd., and up—and in this respect let us say we can sell you.....

A Dress at About One-half what Others Ask You.

WE PAID NO ADVANCE ON OUR GOODS. Also bear in mind—EVERY ARTICLE IN OUR STORE HAS BEEN REDUCED IN PRICE.

Terms Strictly Cash.

No Goods Laid Away.

CRONE'S

Bammerlin Bldg., 37 S. Erie St.  
South of Opera House.



## ROBERTS A FUGITIVE.

## Charges on File in Two Counties, Said Opponents.

## TOOK WIVES, DEFTING THE LAW.

**Adultery a Crime in Utah When Roberts Was Born—Custom Anti-Polygamy Act Passed, When He Was Six Years Old. Charges Against Mormons.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—An answer to Mr. Brigham Roberts' address to the American people was issued by a delegation representing the Gentile element in Utah, who are here to oppose Mr. Roberts. The answer said in part:

Whenever a "prima facie" case is made against a member's citizenship by showing that under a conviction for felony against the laws of the United States he is disfranchised and further that by reason of his present maintenance of the status of a polygamist he is again suffering from civil disability under the Edmunds anti-polygamy act, such a member refusing even to deny the charge, should be excluded. Nor is this dangerous, for it is not likely, as Mr. Roberts seems to assume, that an entire minority or all representatives of a large state are coming to congress carrying such a burden. In other states, men who flaunt their violations of the laws of decency in the face of the public are sent to the penitentiary.

Mr. Roberts' contention that no evidence of his guilt can be received except a judicial record of his conviction in Utah as a matter of law is erroneous, and as a matter of practice, dangerous, because Mr. Roberts and his all powerful and inspired priesthood can prevent such conviction if they consider it worth while.

If at the time of the passage of the enabling act Mr. Roberts was, as he seems in his appeal to admit, disfranchised by act of congress, and therefore not a full citizen of the United States, as by the constitution he must be, to become a member of congress, then he is still in that same condition, because the constitution of Utah could not restore him to full citizenship and the enabling act did not do it. The enabling act of Utah, unlike that of some other states, required citizenship of the United States as a qualification for voting and did not confer that citizenship upon those then not such citizens.

Mr. Roberts says he has not been convicted of any crime. It does not follow that he is innocent. He is now a fugitive from justice in Salt Lake county, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation in Davis county, Utah, where resides one of his polygamous wives with her illegitimate twins, born Aug. 11, 1897, a charge of adultery (a felony under the laws of Utah) has been for two months pigeon-holed by the Mormon prosecuting attorney.

Mr. Roberts, in his attempts to belittle his crimes, insists that he is only charged with a misdemeanor. He knows better. He knows that he has been, under oath and before the proper prosecuting officers, charged with the felony of adultery as well as the misdemeanor of unlawful cohabitation. He asserts that in 1889 he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor only, and also says that he was guilty of the same acts in the District of Columbia—"even flagrantly so"—that as a member of congress he could not be arrested, therefore, because it is only a misdemeanor. Here again Mr. Roberts states what is not true, and he ought to know it. Unlawful cohabitation under the Edmunds act, under which he pleaded guilty, was a felony, as also is adultery with which Mr. Roberts is charged in Davis county, Utah. In the District of Columbia, both unlawful cohabitation and adultery are felonies, as defined by the Utah statutes, and it is only in Utah that the former is a misdemeanor.

Many sentimentally people are being misled by Mr. Roberts' very ingenious suggestion from which some people infer that he took his polygamous wives when it was lawful to do so. This is a mistake. Adultery was born, and as such, was unlawful, and this is our only bone of contention, the only thing demanded which he refuses to yield.

Ex-Congressman W. H. King was and is a Mormon, and no claim of infidelity was ever made against him. We point to this fact as showing that we oppose Mr. Roberts not upon the ground of any religious opinions entertained by him, but because of his criminal practices. Neither is this a matter of religious or political persecution or prejudice. The undersigned include men of different churches and men who belong to no church.

Mr. Roberts denies and we assert that the compact between Utah and the other states has been violated.

That compact was evidenced by many public acts.

Here are given different evidences of the fact that the Mormon church and Mormon people agreed to stop polygamous practices.

The statement then said in part: As evidence that this compact has been broken we point to the following:

First.—That Utah 1,000 illegitimate children have been born to polygamous wives since statehood.

Second.—That about 2,000 polygamous households now exist in Utah and that the attempt to secure a punishment of these offenders is denounced by the majority, as we believe, of Utah's citizens.

Third.—That the circumstantial evidence unmistakably points to the existence of new wives in polygamous households, the most conspicuous examples of which are the cases of Apostles Abraham H. Cannon, John W. Taylor and Apostle Teasdale, in at least the first of which the church organ of the dominant church refuses to deny the marriage and the new polygamous wife is employed as teacher in a church academy.

Fourth.—That the very man who interpreted the manifesto of 1890 to prohibit unlawful cohabitation with prior acquired wives now publicly justifies its continuance.

Fifth.—That most of the same men who in a petition for amnesty pledged their sacred honor for the obedience of the law by their people are now by example and precept encouraged to commission of the crime of unlawful cohabitation.

Sixth.—As a further evidence of this bad faith, we call attention to the fact that men holding high church office have pleaded guilty to the crime of unlawful cohabitation before the state courts without having their church standing affected, even in some cases having their fines paid by sympathetic friends.

Seventh.—All this is by necessary implication endorsed by a majority of the people in the election of Brigham H. Roberts, who, during his campaign for election, was publicly charged with being a violator of the laws, as evidenced by his illegitimate progeny, and in spite of these undeniable charges he was elected by an overwhelming majority.

That Mr. Roberts himself understood that compact to mean the discontinuance

of unlawful cohabitation we point to his registration oath of 1895, in which he swore it to be his intention to obey the law prohibiting unlawful cohabitation.

The statement was signed by the following: T. C. Hill, Salt Lake; G. W. Martin, Mant, Utah; C. M. Owen, Salt Lake; G. M. Coombs, Brigham City, Utah, and A. T. Schroeder, Salt Lake.

The committee which is to inquire into the status of Mr. Roberts of Utah held a protracted session behind closed doors. During the early hours of the meeting Mr. Roberts was present and made a statement as to his general wishes in connection with the inquiry. He said he was specially desirous of having the committee first go into his prima facie right to a seat, afterwards taking up the general merits of the subject. He said he favored open sessions. He indicated also that he desired to present testimony relative to the manner in which the charges against him were prepared. Mr. Roberts then retired.

A brief session followed a recess and then an adjournment was taken until today.

No announcement was made except that Chairman Taylor (Ohio) said the work was progressing satisfactorily and smoothly. It is understood that some question exists as to whether Roberts shall be treated as a contesting member or be asked to plead, as in a trial, and the committee will probably hear him further before reaching a conclusion.

## CURRENCY BILL MONDAY.

House Adopted Order For Consideration—To Vote in Week Afterward.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The house adopted a special order for the consideration of the currency bill, beginning next Monday. The general debate will be continued until Friday, on Saturday amendments may be offered under the five minute rule and on the following Monday the vote will be taken. The Democrats, Populists and Silverites presented a solid front against the adoption of the resolution, and every Republican voted for it.

Mr. Richardson, leader of the minority, taunted some of the majority leaders with their change of front in coming out flat footedly for the gold standard, but Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Cannon good naturedly replied that they had learned something with advancing years. The former said the Democratic party was the only living demonstration of the survival of the great organization which refused to learn anything.

## LENTZ WANTS AN INVESTIGATION.

Introduced a Resolution to Look Into Idaho Mining Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Representative Lentz (O.) introduced a joint resolution reciting the charges growing out of the presence of United States troops under Brigadier General Merriam at the centers of mining troubles in Idaho and asking for an investigation by a special committee of nine members, to be appointed by the speaker.

The resolution said that it was a matter of general information that United States troops were sent to Idaho in defiance of and contrary to the federal constitution, at the individual request of the governor, when no riot or insurrection existed, and without consulting the legislature or the local sheriff.

The arrests, it was charged, included many members of the miners' union and the local sheriff. It was asserted that many men were imprisoned in a "bull pen, a place unfit for human habitation." Allegation was made that one prisoner became insane from the treatment, and escaping was shot as he jumped into a river. In another case, it was charged, a dying prisoner was denied spiritual consolation. Specific acts of cruelty are given.

The resolution also recited that the wives and families of miners were insulted by soldiers, and it was alleged that responsibility for the various actions recited rested with the mining companies of the localities.

## OUR BLACK PLATE THE BEST.

Assertion Made by an Independent Tinplate Manufacturer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Nathan A. Taylor of the N. & G. Taylor company, independent tinplate manufacturers of Philadelphia, was before the industrial commission. He said that the black plate manufactured in the United States was immensely superior to that made abroad and also that some improvements in the tinning process had been made in the United States.

He, however, considered a tariff necessary to prevent foreign makers from at any time dumping any surplus of plate they might have on hand and thus demoralizing the market. He said the American tinplate company had manifested no disposition to take advantage of its opportunity to increase prices.

Democrats Considered Reorganization.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Democratic caucus committee of the senate considered the reorganization of the senate committees. A disposition was manifested to resist the demand of the Republican senators for increased representation on the leading committees, but no definite conclusion was reached. The Democrats were especially displeased with the prospect of not being able to fill one of the vacancies on the finance committee.

## Some Maine Victims' Bodies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Captain Greene, commanding the naval station at Havana, reported to the navy department that the work of disinterment and placing in sealed caskets the remains of the victims of the Maine who were buried at Havana will be completed on the 15th inst. The Texas arrived at Norfolk, and as soon as she has calved she will proceed at once to Havana to take aboard the caskets.

## Captain Ayers Killed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Captain J. C. Ayers, U. S. A., of the ordnance department, was killed here by a fall from his bicycle and being run over by a team.

## Asphyxiated by Gas.

New York, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Elizabeth Somerville, 83 years old, and her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay, 50 years of age, were found dead in their apartments on West Forty-ninth street. They had been asphyxiated by gas, which was flowing from a tube used to connect with a gas stove. All the circumstances showed the deaths to have been accidental.

## A FIGHT WITH BOERS.

## Methuen's Broken Communication Restored.

## BRIDGE OPEN ACROSS THE MODDER

From a Dispatch Issued by a Boer Agency in Berlin, It Appears There Are Some 15,000 Boers Around Methuen—Bridge at Frere Finished.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—General Forestier-Walker sent the following dispatch to the war office from Cape Town:

"Telegraph and railway communication to Modder river has been reopened. A battery of field artillery and a battalion of infantry were dispatched from Modder river against Commandant Prins Loos' force of 1,000 Boers with one gun, who had destroyed the railway. Our losses were 11 in wounded."

"Belmont has been strengthened by infantry and two guns, and a cavalry regiment and troops from Naauw Poort occupied Aradod Thursday."

"The enemy's forces near General Gatare are reported as follows:

"At Dordrecht, 800; marching from Jamestown to Dordrecht, 500, with six



COLONEL J. F. BROCKLEHURST. Third Cavalry Brigade.

guns; at Stormberg, 1,500; at Waterfall, a large force, strength unknown; at Mafeking, about 400.

"Lord Methuen reports casualties Dec. 6, on patrol duty, as follows:

"Missing, Lieutenant Tristram and four men of the Twelfth Lancers; wounded, four men."

Some interesting light was thrown on the position of affairs along the western frontier by a dispatch issued by a Boer agency in Berlin. The dispatch said: "Commandant Prins Loos' force is near Jacobsdal, between Modder river and Riet river. General Cronje is still on the north bank of Modder river, his rear being protected by fortified positions at Spytfontein. The hills between Modder river and Riet river are occupied by Boers. Commandant Delarey's force is stationed between Gras Pan and Honey Nest kloof."

If this Berlin dispatch be correct—and it is especially significant when gauged in connection with General Forestier-Walker's advice to the war office—there must be some 15,000 Boers around Lord Methuen, who is believed to have 11,000 men. Kimberley, however, possessing an armored train, can materially assist Methuen by harassing the Boers from the rear.

FREE CAMP, Dec. 9.—The trestle bridge was finished and the trains were traversing it.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Times has the following from Modder river, dated Tuesday, Dec. 5:

"The river is low and the railway bridge is rapidly approaching completion and the first train will cross to-night. After extraordinary exertions the pontoon bridge has been completed."

LONDON, Dec. 9.—According to a special dispatch from Pretoria, General Joubert recently proposed an exchange of prisoners, especially Lady Sarah Wilson for a Boer lady, taken prisoner at Mafeking. Lady Wilson is an aunt of Winston Churchill and the wife of Captain C. G. Wilson of the Royal Horse Guards. This was the first definite news that she was a prisoner. Lady Wilson had been acting in the double capacity of newspaper correspondent and Red Cross nurse, and there had been much anxiety about her. When last heard from, Lady Wilson had left Mafeking on horseback, with her maid as her sole companion. She was reported to have reached Satagallo.

PRETORIA, Thursday, Dec. 7.—The following dispatch, dated today, has been received from the head laager near Ladysmith:

"The British are advancing on Colenso, but last night passed without an attack. There was a desultory cannonade this morning, the naval guns in Ladysmith replying vigorously to our fire."

Advices from Frere camp showed that the bombardment of Ladysmith was continued Thursday, Dec. 7. A pneumatic dynamite gun on Unbulwana hill commenced the work.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, Dec. 6.—Fighting commenced near Modder river about 6 o'clock this morning.

LADYSMITH, Thursday, Dec. 7, via Weenen.—The total British casualties here since Nov. 1 are 5 officers and 26 men killed and 15 officers and 130 men wounded with 3 missing. The Boer force is still around us in large numbers, but all within the town are cheerful.

To Coin Lafayette Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The secretary of the treasury ordered the purchase of silver bullion for the special mintage of the Lafayette silver dollar. Arrangements are making to mint them on Tuesday, the 12th, and it is almost certain that coins will be delivered to subscribers before Christmas. President McKinley is to present the first one to President Loubet.

## Two Innocent Persons Killed.

ADAMSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 9.—Lucy Carbon and her child in arms were killed here by Jim Mayfield. Frank Bird was also wounded by the same shot. The murderer escaped.

## All the Powers Willing to Maintain Open Door in China.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Berlin correspondent of The Standard says:

"All the powers concerned have favorably received the proposals of the United States regarding the maintenance of the 'open door' in China, each offering to sign the desired assurance if the others will do so."

## NUMBER OF INJURED MAY DIE.

Factory Inspector Campbell Gone to Reading, Pa., to Investigate.

READING, Pa., Dec. 9.—It is known that but one life was lost in the fire at Nolde & Hurst's factory—Miss Louisa Clay, aged 45, as previously stated. The list of injured as sent to The Associated Press is incomplete. A number of injured are in a serious condition and their recovery is doubtful. The plant will be rebuilt as soon as the insurance is adjusted.

The corner has not yet decided on the time of inquest.

HARDING, Dec. 9.—Factory Inspector Campbell has received a letter from the deputy inspector in Reading saying that the mill that burned, by which so many girls were hurt, was inspected recently and that none of the windows were nailed down and the screens in the windows were of a movable character and were not fastened. Mr. Campbell left for Reading to make an inspection.

## Priests Tried to Prevent Strike.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Catholic priests of this place addressed about 2,000 miners belonging to the congregation, advising them to attend a miners' meeting called for last night and vote against a Nanticoke sympathy strike. President John Fabey of the United Mine Workers issued notice that there would be no meeting. He said the officials decided to await the outcome of the business men's attempt to settle the strike. The belief was freely expressed here that the union feared the men would not respond to orders for a strike after the action of the priests.

## The Massillon Market.

The following prices are paid by Massillon merchants today:

GRAIN, HAY, STRAW AND WOOL.	
Wheat (old).....	66
Hay, per ton.....	\$ 00 to 9 00
Straw, per ton.....	5 00
Corn.....	37-40
Oats.....	23-24
Clover Seed.....	3 75-4 00
Timothy Seed.....	1 00 to 1 10
Rye, per bu.....	\$ 40
Barley.....	30
Flax seed.....	1 25
Wool.....	15 to 18

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, (new) per bushel.....	40
Beets, per bushel.....	30
Apples.....	50-60
Cabbage, per dozen.....	35-40
Evaporated apples.....	08 to 10
Onions.....	05
White beans.....	1 50
Dried peaches, peeled.....	08 to 10
BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY.	
Butter.....	20
Eggs.....	20
Chickens, live, per pound.....	06
Chickens, dressed.....	09
Turkeys, live.....	08
Turkeys, dressed.....	10

## MEATS AND CHEESE.

Sausage.....	08-09
Spare Ribs.....	06
Backbone.....	06
Ham.....	09
Shoulder.....	05
Lard.....	05 1/2
Sides.....	06 to 07
Cheese.....	11

The following are retail prices:

Bran, per 100 lbs.....	\$5
Middlings 'per 100 lbs.....	90

The following tables show the fluctuations of stock, as reported by T. E. Drake's exchange:

## BANK STATEMENT.

Reserve decreased.....	\$ 1,677,175
Loans decreased.....	695,500
Specie decreased.....	1,345,100
Legals decreased.....	1,325,100
Deposits decreased.....	3,092,500
Circulation decreased.....	69,600

## NEW YORK.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Sugar.....	146	148	139 1/2	139 1/2
American Tobacco.....	108 1/2	110	102	104
Atchafalca (Pfd).....	63 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2
G. B. & Q.....	130 1/2	131	120 1/2	130 1/2
General Steel.....	50 1/2	50 1/2	55 1/2	56
Mahattan.....	102 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2
Norfolk & Western.....	45 1/2	46	45 1/2	45 1/2
Northern Pacific (pfd).....	82 1/2	83	82 1/2	82 1/2

## CHICAGO.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat.....	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2
May.....	70 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Corn.....	31	31 1/2	30 3/4	30 3/4
Dec.....	31	31 1/2	30 3/4	30 3/4
May.....	33	33 1/2	32 3/4	32 3/4
Oats.....	24 1/2	24 1/2	24	24
Pork.....	9 77	9 82	9 77	9 82
Jan.....	10 00	10 05	9 95	10 05
Lard.....	5 37	5 37	5 37	5 37
May.....	5 37	5 37	5 37	5 37

Chicago, Dec. 9.—[By Associated Press]—Cattle steady; hogs \$4.50 @ \$7.35; hogs strong, \$3.80 @ \$4.12 1/2.

TOLEDO, Dec. 8.—[By Associated Press]—Wheat 68 1/2

## THE STRAINERS

The **KIDNEYS** are the great "strainers" of the blood. It is their duty to excrete all the poisons from the system. If they fail to do this, good health is impossible.

Are you certain that disordered kidneys are not the **real** cause of your ill health, whatever the **apparent** cause may be?

The symptoms of kidney trouble are **so numerous** and **so different**, that oftentimes the best of physicians are deceived and make the mistake of treating the various symptoms, without affecting in the least the real root of the trouble. The stomach, liver and heart are often treated locally to repress disturbances which arise from disordered kidneys. **An error of this kind may cost you your life.**

Even with the stomach or other organs diseased, health may be retained if the kidneys will do their full duty in excreting the poisons in the blood.

Neglect of the overtaxed or complaining kidneys will produce acute or chronic Bright's disease, diabetes, nephritis, gravel, uraemia, dropsy, rheumatism and many other dreaded diseases. Most female complaints are the direct result of disorder in the kidneys. Thousands of persons are suffering from diseases due to kidney trouble who do not realize the cause or the danger of their ailments.

Foley's Kidney Cure is **guaranteed** to bring health to the kidneys. (And it is, so far as we know, the only **unconditionally guaranteed** remedy for kidney diseases.)

It is a scientific, vegetable medicine, without any harmful properties and while acting directly on the kidneys, it is designed to strengthen the stomach, improve all organic action, cleanse the blood and speedily build up the whole system.

**SYMPTOMS:** Backache, bad digestion, dry mouth, parched or swollen tongue, bad breath, headache, nervousness, vertigo, various aches, weakness, loss of energy, loss of appetite, loss of sleep, loss of memory, loss of vision, loss of hearing, loss of taste, loss of smell, loss of power, loss of endurance, loss of vitality, loss of life.

**Foley's Kidney Cure is Guaranteed to remove the cause and the symptoms will disappear.**

Mr. G. A. Stillson, a merchant of Tampa, Fla., writes: "Foley's Kidney Cure has cured some cases here that physicians pronounced incurable. I myself am able to testify to its merits. My face is today a living picture of health, and your Kidney Cure has made it such. I had suffered twenty-seven years with the disease, and today I feel ten years younger than I did one year ago."

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## LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

## Items of Interest Gathered by Our Representatives.

David Davies began his duties as a brakeman Friday on the Pennsylvania railway.

Mrs. Mary Laughlin, wife of Elias Laughlin, is ill at her home in Short East street.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Steimecker and John W. Crookston, December 20.

Philip Gravyus, who was seriously injured by a fall of coal in the Central mine, is now on the road to recovery.

Clarence A. Hackett has secured a position with a leading furniture firm in Cleveland, and with his family has moved to that city.

Mrs. Wm. L. Bowman and Miss Bertha Bowman left Tuesday for New Berlin, to spend a few days with friends before they return to Chicago.

Dr. A. B. Howard, of Cuyahoga Falls, has resigned his position as a member of the board of trustees of the Massillon state hospital. His successor has not yet been appointed.

A dispatch from Erie, Pa., announces that "General" Coxey is in the city concluding arrangements to start a mammoth steel mill. The city is to furnish him a site for it.

Lovers of music are looking forward to the concert to be given in the First M. E. church by the South African singers on January 11. Those who heard them at Chautauqua last summer were delighted.

Fireman Dillon, of the local Pennsylvania coal train, has been transferred to the road. Fireman Kurtz, of the yard engine, has taken Mr. Dillon's position, while Harry Curley succeeds Mr. Kurtz on the yard engine.

The two crews in the C. L. & W. yards were obliged to work until late Friday evening to handle a large accumulation of freight. Engine No. 12, with Engineer Piper, Fireman Reynolds and Flagman Blatz, will leave this evening for Lorain, where it will undergo slight repairs Sunday.

The members of the Massillon East End Euchre Club were entertained at the Canton home of Dr. and Mrs. Blanchard Friday afternoon. Mrs. Harry Rider won the first prize; Mrs. O. W. Zimmerman, the second, and Mrs. Jacob Graze, the third. The party visited the Aultman hospital before returning.

John Sonnenhalter, Sr., left his saloon and large family at 516 West Main street suddenly several months ago. His wife had not the faintest idea of where he had gone. Tuesday Mr. Sonnenhalter returned to the bosom of his family. He says he was in Germany for three weeks. He does not say, however, why he went.

The trustees of the public library at a meeting held on Thursday afternoon, decided to have an electric light placed at the top of the flight of steps leading from the sidewalk to the library grounds. The book committee submitted a list of books which will be purchased this month and be ready for circulation in January.

The following subscribers have recently been added to the list of the Farmer's Telephone Company: Hotel Conrad, No. 44; J. E. Oster, residence, 4 Short East street, 192; V. S. Agnes, meat market, 199 North street, 110; Dr. C. P. Wolf, office, 17 East Main street, 159; R. W. John's residence, 69 Green street, 333; W. F. Breed residence, 29 Grant street, 267.

The Columbia Chemical company, of Barboursville, has two wells almost completed and a large force of men at work preparing for the manufacture of the salt product. The company's original design was to put \$3,000,000 capital in the enterprise, but owing to the favorable prospects about \$1,000,000 more is to be invested. Fifteen more wells are to be sunk.

J. Murray Webb, a prominent Alliance business man, died Friday morning, aged 56, from injuries received by falling from a horse, two weeks ago. Mr. Webb was one of the best known men in the county, in which he had lived all his life. For eighteen years he served as sutler of the Eighth O. N. G., and will be well remembered by all old members of the regiment.

The Massillon camp of Modern Woodmen of America Friday evening elected the following officers: Robert Humphrey, venerable consul; V. H. Morgan, worthy adviser; George B. Egbert, clerk; C. C. Miller, banker; Henry Specht, watchman; Eugene V. Young, member of board of managers; Samuel Market, worthy parent; Drs. B. J. Miller, N. W. Culbertson and Maurice Smith, physicians.

Atlanta merchants have about decided to abolish the trading stamps. At a meeting held Thursday evening, seventy business men signed an agreement not to use the stamps after February 15, and it is believed that all the merchants will sign it. It was stated at the meeting that some of the stores were paying out \$50 to \$60 per week for trading stamps and one gentleman calculated that the stamp business cost the merchants of the city at least \$10,000 or \$12,000 annually, and that the money paid for the stamps was sent to other cities.

The annual election of officers of Perry Lodge No. 55, Knights of Pythias, Thursday evening, resulted as follows: Harry Ream, past chancellor; William Glavin, chancellor; commander; John George, vice chancellor; Frank L. Koon, prelate; George Lasser, master of work; Charles Brownawell, keeper of the records and seals; H. V. Kramer, master of the exchequer; Henry Lantz, master of finance; John Prince, master of arms; Charles Wise, inside guard; N. Klotz, outside guard; L. Schaaf, trustee; C. W. Zimmerman, representative to grand lodge; A. H. Metzgar, alternate.

## COUNTY SEAT NEWS.

## Verdict in Favor of Plaintiff in Ohio vs. Maudru's Administrator.

CANTON, Dec. 9.—The jury in the case of Ohio vs. Maudru's administrator, Friday, returned a verdict for \$989.74 for the state. Of this sum \$690 represents the balance of Maudru's shortage during his term as county treasurer, and the difference, the penalty and costs. The deficit was in the taxes of the American and Adams express companies and of the Western Union Telegraph Company, which had not been recorded on the books.

In the case of Ashton's administrator vs. the Cleveland Brick Company, tried before Judge Taylor, the jury, Friday afternoon, returned a verdict for the defense. Ashton was killed in one of the defendant's clay pits near Canton, and for his death plaintiff sued in the sum of \$5,000. The defense, however, showed that at the time of his death deceased was in the employ of one of the company's contractors, and hence defendant was not liable.

The juries in court rooms Nos. 1 and 2 were excused Friday afternoon until 1 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Harley Foltz, convicted of burglary and larceny, was taken to the Massfield reformatory this morning by Guard Dore, of that institution.

In the estate of Mathias Daler, of Lawrence township, will has been filed for probate.

In the guardianship of Homer Parks et al., of Bethlehem township, sale of lands has been confirmed and deed ordered.

Will has been filed for probate in the estate of William Hanson, of Bethlehem township.

L. Victor Teeple has been appointed administrator in the estate of Daniel Berky, of Sugar Creek township.

Mayor Robertson is expected home today from Chattanooga, Tenn., where he purchased a pair of blood hounds, which were shipped yesterday. The dogs will be kept in the patrol house, and will be in charge of the superintendent.

The condition of J. B. Zettler, the florist who was shot by burglars a week or two ago, is still considered critical. As soon as his strength will admit an effort will be made to locate the bullet, and in all probability X-rays will be used.

The wages of the two janitors employed at the court house have been increased from \$50 to \$60 per month.

James Barber, assistant paymaster in the navy, is now on the way to San Francisco, from whence he will sail for Manila on the 13th.

The following is Clerk Casselman's assignment of common pleas cases to be tried during the next week:

ROOM NO. 1, JUDGE McCARTY PRESIDING. Monday forenoon, December 11—Calling final docket and hearing motions. Afternoon—Dewitt, M. D., vs. Trustees of Pike township, etc.; Piero vs. Canton Buggy and Gear Co., et al.; Langenbach vs. Canton Cycle Mfg. Co., et al.; Newhouse vs. Hatcher et al.

Tuesday—Barlet vs. Barlet et al.; City of Massillon vs. Canton-Massillon Electric Ry. Co. et al.; Patton vs. Albert et al.; Jeanty vs. Hess et al.

Wednesday—Central Savings Bank Co. vs. Rubin et al.; Bean vs. Abbott et al.; Webb's ex. vs. Zwahlen et al.; Central Savings Bank Co. vs. Whippy et al.

Thursday—Cherry Valley Iron Works vs. Bonnot Mfg. Co. et al.; Putman vs. Putman's ex. et al.; Robson vs. Howells Mining Co.; Zartman vs. Marchand.

Friday—Egbert & McLaughlin vs. Winold et al.; Pfoutz vs. Biechele; Clere vs. Clere et al.; Lenhart vs. Lenhart.

ROOM NO. 2, JUDGE TAYLOR, PRESIDING. Monday forenoon, December 11—Hearing motion docket. Afternoon—Albert vs. Walker's administrator; Dunkerly vs. Canton Iron Foundry Co.; Izer vs. Izer.

Tuesday—Kauffman, administrator, vs. Northern Central Life Ins. Co.; Arnold vs. Hartranft; Cobb vs. Cobb.

Wednesday—Fullerton vs. Fullerton; Murphy vs. Myers; Dickerhoff vs. Dickerhoff.

Thursday—Hawley Down Draft Furnace Co. vs. Oby & Co.; Ridgway, Burton Co. vs. Hadley.

Friday—Fornes vs. Fornes; Wagner, et al. vs. Winterhalter, et al.; Miller, Weizenhoff & Co. vs. Hoiles, et al.

Prominent Man Implicated in Murder. ROME, Dec. 9.—A great sensation was caused throughout Italy by the trial of two railroad men on the charge of murder and robbing in a railroad car near Palermo, Signor Notarbarolo, a former director of the Bank of Sicily. The murdered man's son accused Signor Palizzolo, a member of the chamber of deputies, from Palermo, of giving the order for the murder. The chamber of deputies met and authorized the prosecution of Signor Palizzolo.

For Increase in Medical Department. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Surgeon General Sternberg prepared a bill for presentation to congress, providing for a material increase of the medical department of the army to meet the greatly increased demands of the existing military organization.

Joseph C. Hoagland Dead. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Joseph C. Hoagland, the founder and president of the Royal Baking Powder company, died in this city from acute kidney trouble.

Young Man Confessed Murder. DETROIT, Dec. 9.—Harry Hamberger, the 20-year-old youth arrested on suspicion of being the murderer of John M. Reindel, confessed the crime.

Drink Grain-O. After you have concluded that you ought not to drink coffee. It is not a medicine, but doctors order it because it is healthful, invigorating and appetizing. It is made from pure grains and has that rich soft brown color and tastes like the finest grades of coffee, and costs about one-fourth as much. Children like it and thrive on it because it is a genuine food drink, containing nothing but nourishment. Ask your grocer for Grain-O, the new food drink. 15 and 25c.

## IN FAVOR OF TAYLOR.

## Majority of Kentucky Election Board So Decided.

## MINORITY REPORT AGAINST HIM.

Goebel May Make a Contest in the Legislature—Colonel Jack Chin, a Goebelite, Remarked: "I Guess It Is All Up With Us This Time."

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 9.—Two members of the state election board handed down an opinion, giving the election to Taylor. A third handed down an opinion against Taylor.

Commissioners Ellis and Pryor signed the majority report, in which they hold that as a board of canvassers they have no right to go behind the returns of the county board, that their duty is purely ministerial as canvassers, that the face of the returns show the election of the Republican state ticket.

Commissioner Poyntz presented a minority report, which he closes by saying: "I am unwilling to certify fraud and to turn Kentucky over to the control of the bayonet, galling gun and the fraudulent issue ballots."

Extensive preparations were being made to inaugurate Taylor next Tuesday.

Goebel may make a contest in the legislature.

Politicians of both parties departed from Frankfort in great numbers. All the Democratic and Republican attorneys left for home. Colonel Jack Chin, who has been attached to the Goebel headquarters, left, remarking with a laugh as he passed through the hotel door: "I guess it is all up with us for this time."

There is no indication of any trouble. There has been a great amount of money bet on the election throughout Kentucky as to who would be the next governor of the state, and the bettors are trying to decide whether if Taylor is declared governor and later ousted by the legislature as not being a legal incumbent he was in fact actually governor at all in the eyes of the law. The Taylor bettors construe it one way and naturally the Goebel men figure it out differently. There has been so much money wagered on the outcome that the thing has really a curious side to it.

## HEARD FROM MACRUM.

Sent a Message Saying He Would Sail December 18.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Mr. Macrum, in a cable message received at the state department, dated Pretoria, announced that he will sail on the 18th inst. via Naples for the United States. This was an indication that he had received the department's cablegram granting his application for a leave of absence.

Mr. A. J. Elbert Hay, who is going to Pretoria to replace Mr. Macrum, it was expected, will leave Washington today to begin his journey.

Galapagos Island Rumors. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—At the cabinet meeting some minor diplomatic matters were brought up, among them the reported purchase by England of the Galapagos islands, but it was said nothing official had been received and nothing of a definite character was known in regard to it. Senator Lodge said at the state department he knew nothing of the matter, except newspaper reports. An Associated Press dispatch said as far as could be ascertained, England was not negotiating for the islands. It was said in Washington the United States might try to get a coaling station.

People's Party Men Met. MEMPHIS, Dec. 9.—The members of the national organization of the People's party met here. The committee urged the national executive committee to call the national convention in February, 1900. Those present at the meeting were: Dr. G. B. Crowe of Birmingham, Ala.; J. H. Cherry and A. J. Tilles of Little Rock, Frank Burkett of Okolona, Miss.; Milton Park and O. P. Pyle of Dallas, John A. Parker of Louisville and R. Brewer of Memphis.

Carter's Alleged Fals Indicted. SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 9.—The Morning News said today that the grand jury of the United States court for the southern division of Georgia, in session here, has found indictments against John Gaynor, B. D. Greene and E. F. Gaynor of New York, co-partners in the Atlantic Constructing company, and others, for conspiracy to defraud the government. This is an outcome of the conviction of O. M. Carter, late captain of engineers of the army.

Indictment Against Weeks Dismissed. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The indictment against Nelson Weeks of Hackensack, N. J., charged with having caused the death of Annie Smith, 23 years of age, at the Victor hotel, in New York city, on March 8, 1897, was dismissed. Weeks was the Sunday school superintendent of the Asbury Methodist church in Hackensack and Miss Smith was a teacher in the same Sunday school. He confessed to the intimacy.

Former City Employee Arrested. CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—Samuel G. Brooker, who was a clerk in the city auditor's department during the last city administration, under Mayor McKisson, was arrested on indictments charging him with obtaining moneys from the city upon false bills. This is the fifth arrest caused by the city council investigation now under way. Three secret indictments were returned by the grand jury.

Habeas Corpus Writ For Reese. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—Judge Thayer in the United States court granted a writ of habeas corpus in the case of John Reese, one of the members of the executive council of the United Mine Workers of Iowa, in jail in Fort Scott, Bourbon county, Kan., for contempt of court. The writ was made returnable Dec. 27. Bail was fixed at \$3,000.

Demonstration Against Americans. SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 9.—A meeting held at the Antonio Maceo club to celebrate the anniversary of the death of Maceo developed a violent demonstration against the Americans.

## GOVERNOR TAYLOR.

## Report Filed and Commission Will be Signed at Once.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 9.—[By Associated Press]—The commission's did not read their opinions this morning, but filed them with the secretary of state, both opinions having been published through the Associated Press in the morning papers. The official figures of the vote filed with the secretary of state are: Taylor 193,714; Goebel 191,331; Taylor's plurality 2363. The certificates of election were then signed, and Governor Bradley will immediately sign the commissions. Only fourteen persons were in the room when the certificates were signed, and there was no crowd about the building and no excitement of any kind.

The court of appeals decided two election cases today. In one a perpetual writ of prohibition was issued against Judge Toney, of Louisville, forbidding him to interfere in local elections by writs of mandamus. The other was the Ohio county tissue ballot case, the court deciding such ballots illegal. Judges Burnham and Durell, Republicans, dissented. Judge Gaffy, Republican, concurred with the Democrats, the court dividing five to two.

Goebel said today that he had not decided yet about making a contest. Taylor was modest and reticent, but said he expected the decision given. Commissioner Ellis said he was not only a Goebel man, but a partisan, but the Republicans had so much the better of the law and arguments that he could not do other wise than he did. Commissioner Poyntz refused to sign Republican certificates of election.

A very pretty custom obtains among certain classes by which the newly married pair starts a savings bank for the child yet to be. Every day a penny or a dime, as the case may be, is dropped into the bank to swell the fund, and this practice is kept up until the child is old enough to save for itself.

The parents have the right theory but how rarely they carry it to its broadest application. Every mother is perforce laying up for her child what money cannot influence—happiness or misery. The nervous mother will have a nervous child. The irritable and fearful mother cannot have a happy and cheerful child. In mind and body the child will reflect the mother's condition.

The best preparation for motherhood is made by the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Its perfect control over the sensitive feminine organism gives it a natural influence over the mind. It banishes anxiety and fear. It does away with the misery of morning sickness. It gives vitality and elasticity to the organs peculiarly feminine, and makes the trial of motherhood easy and brief. It makes healthy mothers, capable of nursing and nourishing the babes they bring into the world. "Favorite Prescription" contains no alcohol, whiskey or other intoxicant. Accept no substitute.

Mrs. Axel Kier, of Gordonville, Cape Girardeau Co., Mo., writes: "When I look at my little boy I feel it my duty to write to you. Perhaps some one will see my testimony and be led to use your 'Favorite Prescription' and be blessed in the same way. This is my fifth child and the only one who came to maturity; the others having died from lack of nourishment—so the doctor said. I am so sickly in any way as this I just thought I would try your 'Prescription.' I took nine bottles and to my surprise it carried me through, and gave me as fine a little boy as ever was. Weighed ten and one-half pounds. He is now five months old, has never been sick a day, and is so strong that everybody who sees him wonders at him. He is so playful and holds himself up so well. I would like to see this in print for so many have asked me, 'Do you think these are the testimonials of the people, or has Dr. Pierce just made them up and printed them?'"

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure biliousness.

It takes but a minute to stop tickling in the throat and to stop a cough by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. This remedy quickly cures all kinds of lung and throat trouble. It prevents consumption. A famous specific remedy for grippe and its after effects. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

How to Prevent a Cold. After exposure or when you feel a cold coming on take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails and will prevent pneumonia or consumption if taken in time. Rider & Snyder.

"One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough. Children all like it," writes N. H. Williams, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Its early use prevents consumption. Chas. W. Cupples and Rider & Snyder.

Don't Risk Your Life. Many of your friends or people whom you know of have contracted consumption, pneumonia or other fatal diseases by neglect of a simple cold or cough. Foley's Honey and Tar, a safe, sure and pleasant cough medicine, would have saved them. It is guaranteed. Rider & Snyder.

For Hoarseness. Geo. A. Pontius, Upper Sandusky, O., writes: "I have been using Foley's Honey and Tar for sore throat and hoarseness and find it the best remedy I ever tried. It stopped the cough immediately and relieved all soreness." Rider & Snyder.

Any Old Sore. Cut, bruise, or sprain quickly healed. Banner Salve the greatest healing remedy in the world. 25 cents, Rider & Snyder.

Burdock Blood Bitters gives a man a clear head, an active brain, a strong, vigorous body—makes him fit for the battle of life.

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## Pink Pills

## for

## Pale People

## This is the sworn statement of

## a man who was cured.

## "My lower limbs seemed to be

## dying—losing all sense of outward

## feeling. The most excruciating pains

## made me almost wild with misery and

## I could not stand alone. I tried electric

## ity with no avail. Several physicians

## gave me treatment which was not

## effective. One day I read of a man who

## had Locomotor Ataxia, and was cured

## by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

## for Pale People. I procured a half

## dozen boxes, and took them before I

## was convinced a cure was possible, and

## finally used one box a week. My pains

## gradually disappeared, color came back

## to my flesh. I could walk, run and

## jump, and actually dispensed with a

## cane."

## JOEL SHOEMAKER,

## Editor Farmer and Dairyman,

## North Yakima, Wash.

## Subscribed and sworn to before me,

## this 3d day of January, 1899.

## JAMES R. COE, County Clerk.

## Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People

## contain, in a condensed form, all the

## elements necessary to give new life and richness

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